

Local Agency Conference Call Agenda DRAFT

**January 8, 2015
Beginning at 9:00am**

Conference Call-in Number: (866) 910-4857 Password: 768324

State Update/Announcements- Kate

- New Nutritionist- completed interviews and are hopeful we will have someone to introduce soon
- Update on federal ME & Legislative ME- currently undergoing a legislative audit, which happens every 2 years and is comprehensive; our FNS monitoring will happen in August with the regional office staff visiting Billings for one week and Helena's clinic for a couple of days, will wrap up with a few days at State Office. Being monitored on certification integrity, nutrition services, MIS (SPIRIT)/security, and civil rights
- Spring Conference Plans- Review agenda (draft, subject to change)
 - Survey showed: 67% wanted one location, not 2
 - About 50% wanted 2 conferences a year (Spring and Fall)- this year will be only doing Spring conference, due to potential EBT activities and our ME, we thought this would be best for this year. Please consider other conferences to attend such as Montana Public Health Association, Breastfeeding Collaborative (June), the Great Beginnings conference (July)- put on by home visiting, NWA is in May... etc.
 - We will pay for 2 people to attend Spring conference, if your budget allows, feel free to send more, but ensure you book your room in time. There is a Comfort Suites across the street if they run out. PLEASE DON'T WAIT TIL THE LAST MINUTE- reminders are regularly posted in the newsletter.
- EBT Update- reviewing bids this week and are hopeful we can announce a contractor in coming weeks. Excited to move forward this year

Immunizations Discussion with Bekki Wehrner- IZ program and WIC Collaboration

Dental Health Survey- Sarah Leichner, RDH, Montana Dental Hygienists' Association, Public Health Committee Chair & Tonette Hollingsworth

Food Package Updates (Leah & Chris)-

- Potatoes
- Adding Yogurt (quart, plain or vanilla) and whole wheat pasta (16 oz.)
- Change in cheese
- Change in bread
- Change in baby food
- NEW FOOD LIST FOR JULY 1st

- Baby food fruits and vegetable (FRESH ONLY) should be available by then as well (waiting on SPIRIT update)

New Report Discussion- Mark Walker

- Report to show participants who

Section Updates

- Admin- Timestudies, no “pending”
- Nutrition-?
- Vendor- ?
- IT?